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In re Patent Application of)
Thomas JASCHINSKI et al.) Group Art Unit: 1731
Application No.: 09/931,621) Examiner: Jose A. Fortuna
Filed: August 16, 2001) Confirmation No.: 4566
For: OXIDIZED CELLULOSE-)
CONTAINING FIBROUS)
MATERIALS AND PRODUCTS)
MADE THEREFROM)

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AMENDMENT AND REPLY TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In complete response to the Official Action [Restriction Requirement] issued April 1, 2003, please amend the subject application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 1-21, without prejudice to or disclaimer of the subject matter contained therein.

Please add the following new claims 22-45:

22. (New) A method of producing a cellulose-containing fibrous material, comprising oxidizing hydroxy groups at the C(6) of glucose units of the cellulose into aldehyde and carboxy groups with a nitroxy compound optionally in combination with a

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